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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING A DRIVE

**UNIT OF A VEHICLE** 

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND 37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1-121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel original claims 1 to 6, without prejudice. Please add new claims 7 to 12 as follows:

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7. (New) A method of controlling a drive unit of a vehicle having an actuator element for influencing power provided to the drive unit, the method comprising:

determining a power determining signal from a position of an operating element;

filtering the power determining signal with a filter, the filter including at least one highpass filter and at least one low-pass filter connected in parallel; and

controlling the actuator element as a function of the filtered power determining signal.